Claims

1. Paroxetine which is formulated into tablets using a formulation process in which water is absent.

2. A formulation process according to claim 1 which is a dry direct compression of paroxetine followed by compression into tablets or a dry granulation of paroxetine followed by compression into tablets.

3. A formulation process according to claim 1 or 2 in which paroxetine is admixed with dry excipients.

4. A formulation process according to claim 3 in which the paroxetine admixed with dry excipients is compressed into large slugs or roller compacted into ribbon-like strands.

5. A formulation process according to claim 4 in which the compressed or compacted material is milled to produce a free flowing powder and compressed into tablets.

6. A formulation process according to claim 3, 4 or 5 in which the excipients are selected from calcium phosphate, microcrystalline cellulose, sodium starch glycollate and magnesium stearate which may be admixed in appropriate ratios.

7. A formulation process according to claim 3, 4, or 5 in which microcrystalline cellulose is absent from the formulation.

8. A formulation process according to claim 5 in which the tablet is compressed into a pentagonal circumcircle, oval, round bi-convex, or tilt-tablet shape.

9. A formulation process according to any one of claims 1 to 8 in which paroxetine is in the form of the hydrochloride hemi-hydrate.

10. A formulation comprising direct compressed paroxetine admixed with any excipients in the form of a tablet.

11. A formulation comprising dry granulated and compressed paroxetine admixed with excipients in the form of a tablet.

12. A formulation according to claim 10 or 11 in which the excipients are selected from calcium phosphate, microcrystalline cellulose, sodium starch glycollate and magnesium stearate which may be admixed in appropriate ratios.

13. A formulation according to claim 10 or 11 in which the microcrystalline cellulose is absent.

14. A formulation according to any one of claims 10 to 13 in which the tablet is compressed into a pentagonal circumcircle, oral, round bi-convex or tilt-tablet shape.

15. A formulation according to any one of claims 10 to 14 in which the paroxetine is in the form of the hydrochloride hemi-hydrate.